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Iron Ore Mine

1. The iron ore mine "Bohumil" is located in Horni Vernerovice.  
For exact location of this mine, see circled number 1 on Enclosure (A)7. This mine be-  
longe to the group of iron ore mines around Horni Vernerovice, an area having several  
iron ore mines. "Bohumil" was opened  
to exploitation as recently as 1951.
2. Technical equipment: The equipment at "Bohumil" consists of one compressor for driving  
pneumatic hammers; one drum type winch which is located in the mine passage (there is no  
pit head tower), driven by electricity and used for pulling full ore tubs to the surface;  
one electric transformer erected near the shaft to supply power for the compressor, the  
winch, and to illuminate the mine passages.
3. Production: The mine works in three shifts, and the output per shift is approximately  
45 tubs of ore (not counting rock, etc). Each tub holds about 6 quintals of material.  
The ore is brought to the surface, stacked, and later trucked.
4. Buildings and installations: The main ore deposit is inside the mountain; consequently,  
the mine needs no conventional pit head tower with hoist; the shaft is entered through a  
special passage. This passage houses rails for the tubs (drawn by cable over the winch),  
and also serves as a roadway for miners on their way to the ore face. The winch is located  
directly at the mouth of the passage. The compressors stand nearby in a wooden, one-  
story building, about five by eight meters. Next to this building there is a small wooden  
shack serving as a mine lamp warehouse, and as storage space for other equipment. There  
are no other buildings or installations at the mine.

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5. Personnel and wages: Roughly 500 persons were employed at the mine in three shifts. At the beginning of 1952 some women were working in the pits. In the summer of 1952, all these women were dismissed for unknown reasons. The work was normed, and the production plan of the mine was about 85% fulfilled. Approximately 20% of the employees were organized members of the Communist Party, but this faction did not apply any specific pressure at the mine. There was not even an enterprise organization of the Czechoslovak Federation of Youth active at the mine, since it employed only about 10 young persons. The Communist Party members were selected for the Enterprise Militia; they, instead of the Enterprise Guard, carried the guard duty.

The average monthly salary of a miner in this establishment was about 5,000 crowns. The miners at "Bohumil" were dissatisfied partly because their earnings were small, and partly because of the fact that there were four shockworkers among them; the shockworkers disrupted the regular norms of the others, because their own norms constantly rose. The shockworkers were also envied for their relatively high earnings (between ten and twelve thousand crowns a month).

The working week was 48 hours long, and had not been lengthened as of October 1952.

Commercial Airfield

6. There is a commercial airfield at Hronov u Nachoda. The exact location of this airfield is indicated by the circled number 1 on Enclosure (B). The surface of the field, approximately 800 by 300 meters, is covered with turf, without concrete runways; the field is fenced in by red and white posts. There is no control tower. The airfield is not equipped to handle night flying. There is but one hangar (reinforced concrete structure) 50 by 12 by 6 meters. The hangar roof is corrugated sheeting, and sloping. The hangar doors are wooden, and collapsible. The hangar was built in 1948 by the Aero Club in Hronov. There is a one-story brick addition to the hangar, which houses the warehouse and the Aero Club offices. The airfield falls under the administration of the Aero Club, and its members police the field (the guard consists - night and day - of three members armed with pistols and one machine pistol).

At this field, in July 1952 two aircraft of the Sokol type, five CAP type aircraft, three double decker aircraft for towing gliders and about six gliders.

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ENCLOSURE: (A): Sketch-map of Iron Ore Mine, "Bohumil".  
(B): Sketch-map of Airfield at Hronov u Nachoda.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

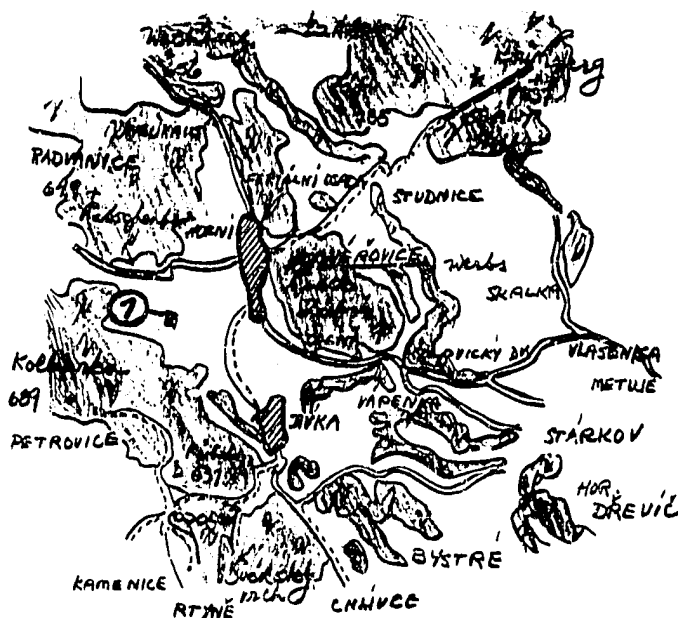
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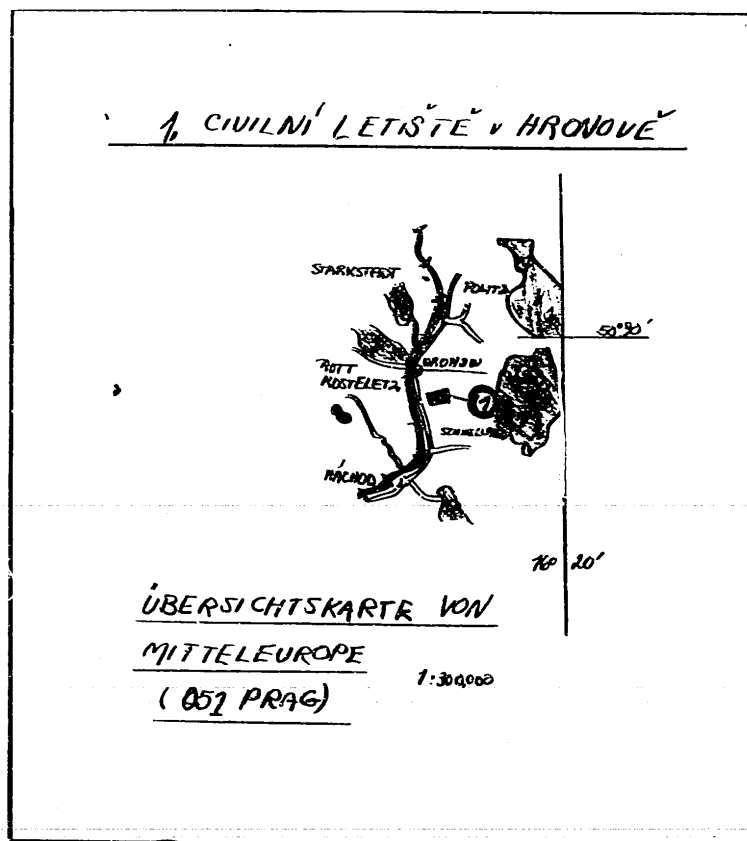
SKETCH MAP OF IRON ORE MINE, "BOHUMIL"

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ENCLOSURE (B)

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